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connection there. The only other thing I have to point out is, granted,...and I've never been in favor of tobacco. I've repeated myself several times. I don't encourage anyone to begin using tobacco, but what is it going to be next? Somebody else brought up obesity, fat, and so on, maybe we'll require people to...and it's a serious health problem across the country. What will it be next? And I'm not going to take any more time, I know that we need to get on. And I will not support this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members of the body, I just wanted to very briefly call your attention to a handout I had this morning on the tobacco fund. I don't know whether many of you saw it, it's an article I picked up over the weekend. Not directly related to this, but it's not the issue, but it does give you kind of an update on that settlement. And, if you want to read through that, you can see some of the politics involved in it nationally. On this amendment, I'm going to support Senator Landis' amendment, although I will be looking probably forward to something less than what's in the bill as far as the amount of tax on a...per pack of cigarettes. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Call the question.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the body is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate has ceased. Senator Landis, you're recognized to close on your amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. Mr. President, if we could, I'd like to ask for a call of the house. I know my time runs, but my guess is we need to be back and assembled in full support, if we